

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a passenger ~~to facilitate identity verification~~, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of the passenger prior to the boarding and at a location beyond a security perimeter;

taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of generating a computer-storage image output;

printing a human-cognizable image of the passenger directly onto said boarding pass;

associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized travel datum of the passenger;

storing said computer-storage image output associated with said electronic image in a centralized database; and

retrieving said computer-storage image output as said human-cognizable image on a video display in response to entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger into a computer in communication with said centralized database to facilitate identity verification of the passenger.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1 wherein printing said human-cognizable image onto said boarding pass occurs with an ink color associated with a particular transport departure and further comprising printing a human-cognizable image of a second

passenger onto a second boarding pass associated with a second transport departure in a second ink color that is different than the ink color.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein printing said human-cognizable image occurs with a non-smudgeable ink.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A travel boarding pass system for verifying the identity of a bearer, comprising:

a self-supporting boarding pass having a human-cognizable image of the bearer printed thereon, the human-cognizable image being printed in an ink color associated with a transport departure of the bearer; and

a second self-supporting boarding pass having a second human-cognizable image of a second bearer printed thereon, the second human-cognizable image being printed in a second ink color that is different than the ink color and associated with a second transport departure of the bearer.

8. (Previously presented) A travel boarding pass system for verifying the identity of the bearer, comprising:

a self-supporting boarding pass having a machine readable data series selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip encoding an alphanumeric code independent of a human cognizable image of the bearer;

a computer database storing a bearer image associated with the alphanumeric code; and

a video display coupled to said computer database and a machine data reader adapted to read the data series, such that upon reading the data series a human-cognizable bearer image is displayed on said video display.

9. (Currently amended) A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a passenger ~~to facilitate identify verification~~, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of the passenger prior to the boarding;

taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of generating a computer-storable image output;

encoding a machine readable data series selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip onto a boarding pass, said data series referencing said computer-storable image output within a computer independent of a human cognizable image of the passenger on said boarding pass;

reading the data series from said boarding pass to said computer database;

recalling a human-cognizable image of the passenger from said computer-storable image output, said computer-storable image output referenced to said data series with said computer database;

displaying said human-cognizable image on a video display interfaced with said computer database; and

comparing the human-cognizable image on said video display with the passenger presenting said boarding pass at the time of boarding to facilitate identity verification of the passenger.